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Special Edition

Squirrel To MSU: LIGHTS OUT!



"SPARKS BEGAN TO FLY [AFTER THE SQUIRREL BIT INTO THE WIRES] AND IGNITED THE BUSHES...."

- KIKI WILLIAMS,
DIRECTOR OF
PHYSICAL PLANT

At about 12:30 p.m. yesterday, this squirrel chewed through electric wires by Lot 14.

It caused a 30-40 second power outage on campus. As a result, at 4:00 p.m., a tripped circuit at campus CoGen plant caused fear of an overheat. Power was shut down campus wide to assess the problem.

Power returned to all buildings on campus, except the Student Center. Another campus wide power shut-down took place between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. today to further assess the situation without further affecting campus activity.

LILLIAN M. ALEMAN / MONTCLARION

The regular issue of *The Montclarion* will be released tomorrow. Pick it up to read about President Cole's trip to Europe, her selection to Governor-elect James McGreevey's transition team, L.A.S.O.'s open discussion on pan-ethnic labels, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* review, the basketball team's rocky start and more.

Coming Soon

News

Fee Adjustment Bill

Improvements at WMSC

New Lots Opening for Weekend Parking

Feature

The holidays are coming. See what Christmas, Hannukah, Ramadan and Kwanzaa are all about.

How it feels to be with AIDS.

Arts

Holidays on the Web

Trailer Trash: A new column with reviews of the best two minutes of every movie ... the trailer.

Opinion

Voice out your feelings about how our campus is run, how our food is cooked and served and anything else that eats at you.

E-mail us at:
msuopinions@hotmail.com

Humour

How squirrels' secret society planned MSU attack to precision, risking own lives.

E-mail us squirrel jokes:
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Sports

MSU Football season wrap-up. Crashing final doesn't leave good memories.

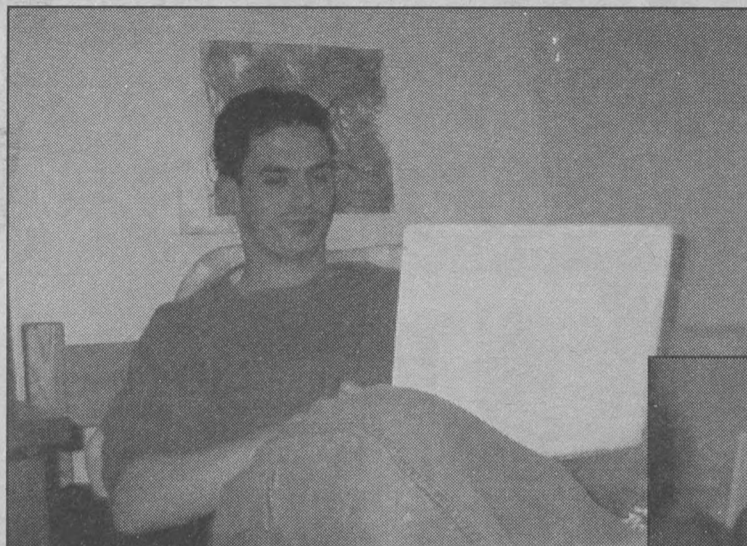
Omar Lucas wins NJAC Defensive Player of the Year

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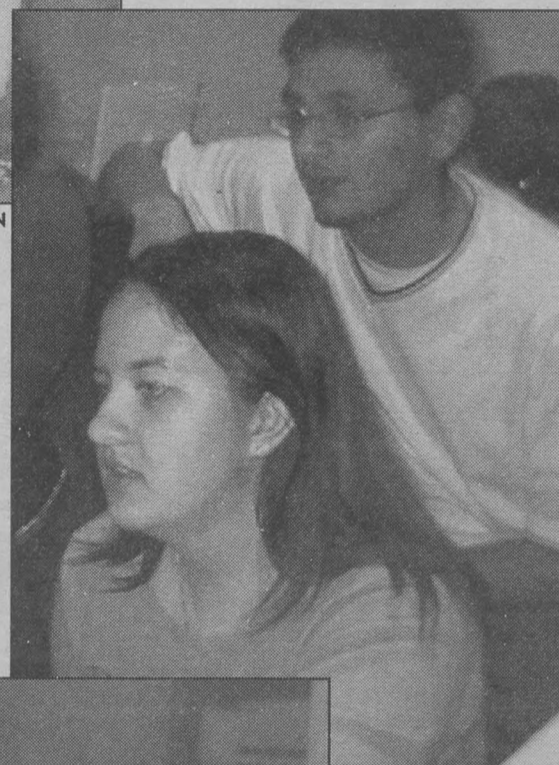
No Power? No Problem!

Montclarion Keeps Going

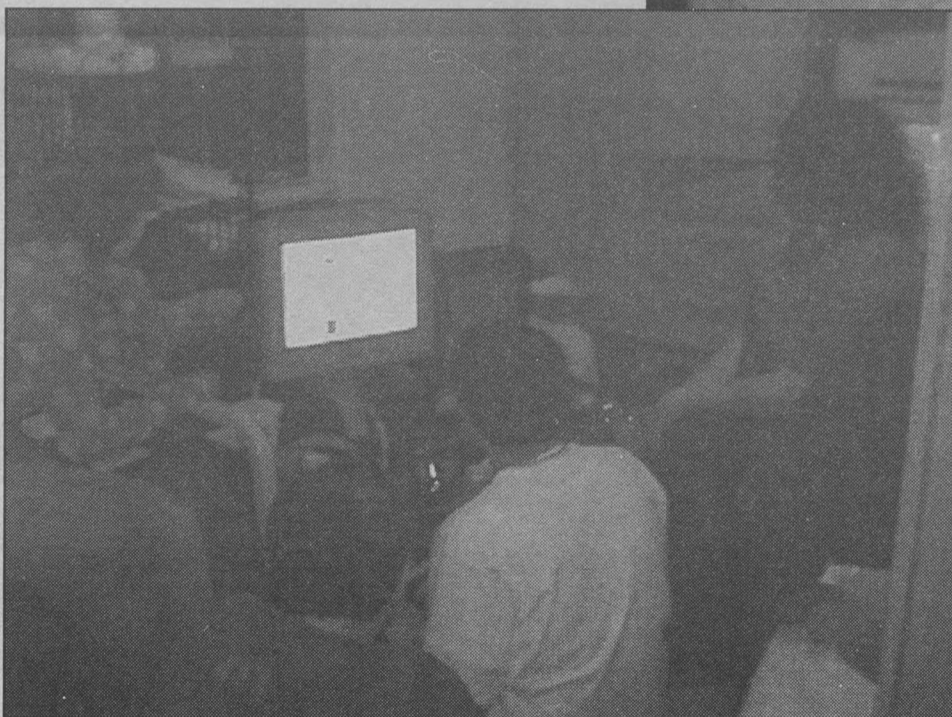


ANNA LAWRENCE / MONTCLARION

ALL THE COMFORTS...: Montclarion editors and executive board members trekked to the apartment of Editor-in-Chief James Davison (Above) to put together the special edition. (Right) Arts Editor Anna Lawrence lays out page two as Managing Editor Mike Sanchez offer input. (Below, from l. - r.) Production Editor Inbal Kahanov, Assistant Arts Editor James Topoleski, Sanchez and News Editor Lillian M. Aleman brainstorm ideas.



JAMES TOPOLESKI / MONTCLARION



ANNA LAWRENCE / MONTCLARION

Special Thanks to:

IT's *Ed Chapel* and *Jeff Giaccobe* for giving assistance in making this special edition possible under these certain circumstances.

Matt Orlando for letting us use your room to publish this edition. Don't worry. We won't make it a habit. (Unless another squirrel bites into the wires.)

Credits:

James J. Davison, Editor-in-Chief

Mike Sanchez, Managing Editor

Inbal Kahanov, Production Editor

Lillian M. Aleman, News Editor

Anna Lawrence, Arts Editor

Jim Topoleski, Assistant Arts Editor

main
editorial

And the Winner Is....



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The past few months the United States has become a much more dangerous place. Planes fly into buildings and deadly powder is sent through the mail, touching both its target and those in its path.

None of these issues touched too directly the functioning of MSU. It took something of much less significance than a terrorist act to bring MSU to a partial halt, a squirrel on an unknowingly suicidal mission to bring down the power grid. It has likely learned its lesson now, having gone the way of any organism that comes in contact with a few thousand more volts of electricity than is healthy, but the damage has been done. Squirrel 1, MSU 0.

Despite this, MSU remains mostly open, though with repairs to be made, The Montclarion still comes out, albeit in a truncated mode, and ultimately we still have a life to lead, which is more than the squirrel has. Squirrel 1, MSU 10, game set and match!

In any case, this should be a friendly and somewhat funny wakeup call that not all disasters, large or small, come in the forms we've recently become accustomed to. Sometimes they are just accidents, though even these accidents must be dealt with and worked through, and that is what matters most- not the form of obstacle or the method of delivery, but rather simply how we deal with it when it arrives.

Montclarion Question Of the Week:

*Look to Friday's Issue
for the Question of the Week*

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Women's Basketball
Split First Four Games
Of Season
Tomorrow

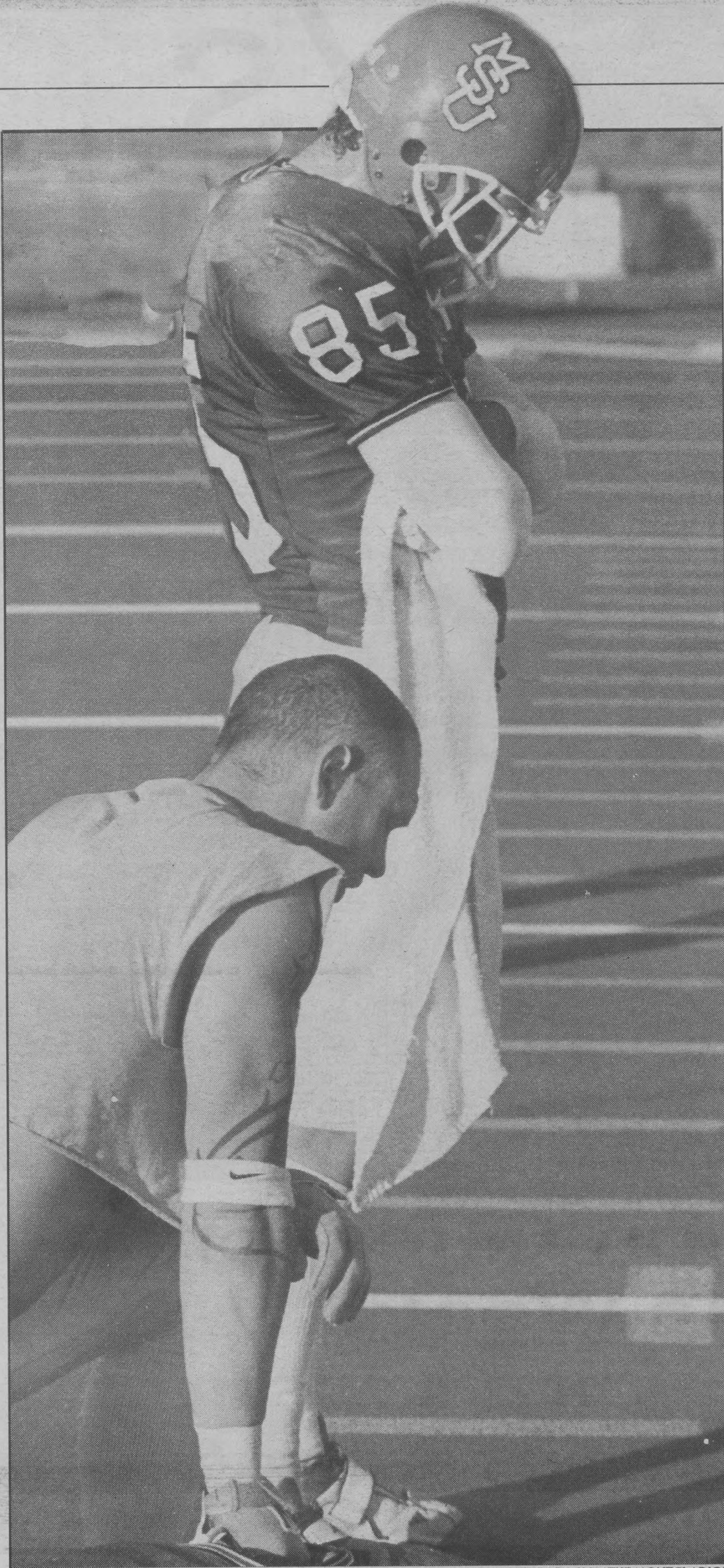
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Men's Basketball
Drops First Four Games
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JOHN SPARACIO / THE MONTCLARION

THIS IS HORRIBLE RIGHT NOW
BECAUSE OUR DREAMS, OUR
GOALS WERE SO HIGH AND
JUST TO GET IT SHATTERED
LIKE THAT.

- Eric Magrini (#85) after
losing to Ithaca.

Say It Ain't So!

**MSU Season
Comes to a
Crashing End**

Tomorrow

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